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INCREASING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CSS
Rani Killi Krupa

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds under the centrally sponsored schemes for the backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to attain balanced development in all the districts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): The norms / guidelines of many of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as the National Rural Health Mission(NRHM), National Rural Drinking Water Programme, etc. are weighted in favour of backward areas in terms of particular indicators. The increase in allocation for backward districts will depend upon the allocation available for various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the norms for spatial distribution under the respective Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

In addition to the normal Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the Backward Regions Grant Fund(BRGF), which is an Additional Central Assistance(ACA) scheme, was initiated in 2006-07 to fill the critical gaps in development in the identified backward districts / regions and was under implementation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The BRGF had two components viz (i) District Component covering 250 districts in 27 States, and (ii) State Component which included Special Plan for Bihar, Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Odisha, Special Plan for West Bengal, Bundelkhand Package and the Integrated Action Plan for 78 Selected Tribal and Backward Districts.

In an effort to continue to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in attaining balanced development in the backward districts / regions, it is proposed to continue the implementation of BRGF in 2012-13 in its present form in addition to the other flagship programmes. The objective of all the policies of the Government are to facilitate balanced development throughout the country in consultation and cooperation with the State Governments.